



Archaeology News



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- Outreach in Decatur County- Archaeologist Wade Tharp represented the DHPA Archaeology Team at the 2011 Grassroots Preservation Round-Up Idea Exchange, which was held on May 14th at the Greensburg-Decatur County Public Library. DHPA representatives presented information about the DHPA's structure and services, and attendees discussed ongoing and upcoming state and local preservation projects.
- Archaeologist of the Month- James H. Kellar, a student of Glenn Black's, followed in Black's footsteps as one of Indiana's foremost archaeologists. Following Black's death in 1965, Kellar helped implement the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology on the Indiana University campus. Kellar served as the Laboratory's first director from when it opened in 1970 until he retired in 1986. Kellar is also credited for development of the Archaeology Program at Indiana University.

Kellar's *An Introduction to the Prehistory of Indiana*, first published in 1973 and in its third printing in 1993, has been a staple resource for decades for those studying Indiana archaeology. Kellar also conducted early archaeological surveys of Spencer and Perry Counties and published those reports in the late 1950s through the Indiana Historical Bureau. Kellar was also instrumental in getting Black's two volume *Angel Site: An Archaeological, Historical, and Ethnological Study* into publication, as Black passed away before it could be completed. Other important contributions to Indiana Archaeology by Kellar included research conducted at the Mann Site, the C. L. Lewis stone mound, the Rockhouse Hollow rockshelter, Fort Quiatenon, and Mounds State Park. Kellar also published a seminal work (1955) on the use of the atlatl (spearthrower) in North America.

To learn more about Dr. James Kellar, and the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology, go to:

<http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/>,
<http://www.gbl.indiana.edu/abstracts/IHS/ktoca.html>,
http://www.foresthistory.org/ASPNET/Publications/region/9/hoosier_prehistory/sec1.htm
, <http://www.saa.org/Portals/0/SAA/Publications/thesaaarchrec/nov03.pdf> (see page 36),
<http://www.idsnews.com/news/story.aspx?id=29055&search=death§ion=search>.

- Outreach in Indianapolis - On Thursday May 5, 2011, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson gave a presentation concerning cemetery preservation updates and SHAARD to the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Indianapolis. Cathy filled in for fellow staff member Jeannie Regan-Dinius, Director of Special Initiatives, who was unable to do the presentation due to a last minute cemetery emergency.



- Limberlost State Historic Site Work Day- On May 2, 2011, DHPA staff partnered with the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, the Division of Nature Preserves and the Friends of the Limberlost group and conducted a work day at Limberlost, the home of Gene Stratton-Porter, in Adams County. The project involved repair of chinking at the carriage house; cleaning and prepping the porch for relacquering on the main house; removing and washing storm windows; landscape-type work; and general clean-up around the site.



Work being conducted at the site. Cathy Draeger-Williams (in the photo to the right) represented the Archaeology Team at this event held in recognition of Preservation Month.



- Archaeology CSI Day at Angel Mounds - On Friday May 13, 2011, DHPA archaeologist Cathy Carson participated for the second year in Archaeology CSI Day at Angel Mounds State Historic Site in Evansville. Archaeology CSI (Cultural Scene Investigation) Day is designed for 6th and 7th grade math and science students and allows student s to



experience the science of Archaeology in action. Cathy ran a station on lithics, and students learned how archaeologists identify and classify chipped and ground stone artifacts and also learned how archaeologists are using techniques involving residue analysis in order to better understand past human lifeways. Approximately 300 students from the Evansville area attended this year's Archaeology CSI Day.

Enthusiastic young students ready to learn about archaeology.

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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
<http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3674.htm>

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